

Remarks

Prior to entry of the present amendment, claims 1-25 remained pending in the application. Claim 9 stands rejected under U.S.C. §112. Claims 1-6, 10-14 and 16-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ideharra (USPGPub 20010052995). Claims 7, 8, 9, 15 and 25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if re-written in independent form.

By this amendment, applicants have amended claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 20, 22 and 23. Claims 2-4, 7, 15, 18-19 and 25 have been cancelled, without prejudice. Claims 9,11,12, 16, 17, 21 and 24 remain unchanged. New claims 26 and 27 have been added. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, applicant requests reconsideration of the rejected claims.

Response To Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. Section 112

Claim 9 stands rejected under U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The Examiner states: "Claim 9 recites the limitation "the hyperlink" in p. 14, line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim."

Claim 1 is amended by this response to include the limitation of "hyperlink". Claim 9 depends from claim 1. Accordingly, there is now sufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "the hyperlink". Thus, the rejection under 35 USC Section 112, paragraph 2, has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Response To Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. Section 102

As noted above, claims 1-6, 10-14 and 16-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ideharra (USPGPub 20010052995).

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With respect to the 102 rejection of claims 1-6, applicants first note that claim 1 is amended by this response to include all the limitations of allowable claim 7. Accordingly, claim 1 should now be allowable and the 102 rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn.

If independent claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record, then its remaining dependent claims 5, 6, 8 and 9 are allowable as a matter of law, because these dependent claims contain all features/elements/steps of their respective independent claim 1. *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Additionally and notwithstanding the foregoing reasons for the allowability of claim 1, these dependent claims recite further features/steps and/or combinations of features/steps (as is apparent by examination of the claims themselves) that are patentably distinct from the prior art of record.

With respect to the 102 rejection of claims 10-14 and 16-17, applicants first note that independent claim 10 is amended by this response to include all the limitations of allowable claim 15. Accordingly, independent claim 10, as amended, should now be allowable and the 102 rejection of claim 10 should be withdrawn.

If independent claim 10 is allowable over the prior art of record, then its remaining dependent claims 10-14 and 16-17 are allowable as a matter of law, because these dependent claims contain all features/elements/steps of their respective independent claim 10. *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Additionally and notwithstanding the foregoing reasons for the allowability of claim 10, these dependent claims recite further features/steps and/or combinations of features/steps (as is apparent by examination of the claims themselves) that are patentably distinct from the prior art of record.

With respect to the 102 rejection of claims 20 and 21, applicants first note that Independent claim 20 is amended by this response to include limitations that are similar to independent claim 22. Accordingly, independent claim 20 should now be allowable for the same reason claim 22 is allowable (as discussed below) and the 102 rejection of claim 20 should be withdrawn.

If independent claim 20 is allowable over the prior art of record, then its remaining dependent claim 21 is allowable as a matter of law, because it contains all features/elements/steps of their respective independent claim 10. *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Additionally and

notwithstanding the foregoing reasons for the allowability of claim 20, these dependent claims recite further features/steps and/or combinations of features/steps (as is apparent by examination of the claims themselves) that are patentably distinct from the prior art of record.

With respect to the 102 rejection of claims 22-24, applicants first note that independent claim 22 is amended by this response to include all the limitations of allowable claim 25. Accordingly, independent claim 22 should now be allowable and the 102 rejection of claim 14 should be withdrawn.

If independent claim 22 is allowable over the prior art of record, then its remaining dependent claim 23-24 are allowable as a matter of law, because it contains all features/elements/steps of their respective independent claim 10. *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Additionally and notwithstanding the foregoing reasons for the allowability of claim 22, these dependent claims recite further features/steps and/or combinations of features/steps (as is apparent by examination of the claims themselves) that are patentably distinct from the prior art of record.

New Claims

Claims 26-27 have been newly added to further define and/or clarify the scope of the invention. It is respectfully submitted that independent claim 26 analogous to claim 22 and is allowable for at least the same reasons claim 22 is allowable. If independent claim 26 is allowable over the prior art of record, then its remaining dependent claim 27 is allowable as a matter of law, because it contains all features/elements/steps of their respective Independent claim 10. *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

Conclusion

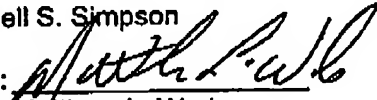
Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance, in view of the above amendments and remarks. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. No new matter is added by this response.

If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

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